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Policy Memo 08-25

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10 September 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Policy on Sexual Assault

- 1. As Commander of the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) and Fort Rucker, I want to personally state my support and commitment to the Army's policy on the prevention of sexual assault and ensure that all Soldiers and civilian employees receive appropriate training to assist them in identifying and reporting incidents of sexual assault.
- 2. All Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians will receive training annually. Annual training will be conducted by the Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Installation Victim Advocates (IVAs), or Unit Victim Advocates (UVAs) using formal training packages.
- 3. Sexual assault is a crime punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and other federal and local civilian laws. Sexual assault is incompatible with Army values and will not be tolerated in our Army. Each alleged victim is entitled to privacy and must be treated with sensitivity and compassion as well as the utmost respect and dignity.
- 4. Victims of sexual assault can elect restricted or unrestricted reporting. Victims electing unrestricted reporting should contact the Military Police, Criminal Investigation Division, civilian authorities, or their chain of command. Victims electing restricted reporting should contact the Installation SARC at 334-406-7347 (24 hours a day), IVA at 334-379-7946/7947 (24 hours a day), Sexual Assault Care Provider (SACP) at 334-791-0851 (24 hours a day), Chaplain, or UVA. All victims should be taken to the emergency room at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Alabama and report to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) for treatment. Victims requiring immediate emergency medical attention should be transported to the nearest emergency medical facility.
- 5. Commanders and supervisors will examine all circumstances of unrestricted reports and take the necessary action to ensure that every incident of sexual assault where the victim elects unrestricted reporting is reported and investigated, and that victims are protected from acts or threats of reprisal. Additionally, I want to ensure that all leaders understand if they witness or otherwise know of incidents of sexual assault, they are obligated to act.
- 6. Commanders will incorporate "Prevention of Sexual Assault" into the risk management process and address in weekend, holiday, and newcomers briefings.

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- 7. We must work together to ensure that no person is a victim of sexual assault. The USAACE will maintain the highest standards of professionalism and safety to protect our Soldiers, employees, and Families from incidents of sexual assault.
- 8. This memorandum supersedes Policy Memo 07-25, dated 30 August 2007 and should be used by all Commands as their policy.
- 9. "Above the Best"

/SIGNED/ JAMES O. BARCLAY III BG, USA Commanding

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